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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has prepared the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) in compliance with the adopted 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and all federal and state requirements, including those set forth in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users and metropolitan planning regulations.

On June 5, 2008, the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee approved release of the Draft 2008 RTIP for public review and comment. The Draft 2008 RTIP is comprised of transportation projects for the six-county SCAG region: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura. The Draft 2008 RTIP consists of three (3) volumes: (I) Executive Summary, (II) Project Listing (consistent with the 2008 RTP), and (III) Technical Appendix. The Technical Appendix includes the federally required conformity analyses for the Draft 2008 RTIP.

Included in the public review and public hearings of the Draft 2008 RTIP are the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 program of projects that are funded with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds for all urbanized areas in the SCAG six-county region. The projects are listed by each respective county in Volume III of the Draft 2008 RTIP. The applicable urbanized areas are: El Centro, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Lancaster-Palmdale, Santa Clarita, Mission Viejo, Hemet, Indio-Cathedral City-Palm Springs, Temecula-Murrieta, Riverside-San Bernardino, Victorville-Hesperia-Apple Valley, Camarillo, Simi Valley, Oxnard, and Thousand Oaks.

The Draft 2008 RTIP is available on the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov. Copies are also available for public review at SCAG's Los Angeles and Riverside offices and at public libraries throughout the region (library listing available on the SCAG website). SCAG's Regional Council is tentatively scheduled to consider approval of the Final 2008 RTIP in July 2008.

SCAG will hold three (3) public hearings regarding the Draft 2008 RTIP at the following dates, times and locations:

- (1) Thursday, June 12, 2008 @ 10:00 am SCAG Riverside Office 3600 Lime Street, Suite 216 Riverside, CA 92501
- (2) Thursday, June 19, 2008 @ 10:00 am SCAG Los Angeles Office 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017
- (3) Wednesday, June 25, 2008 @ 10:00 am Orange County Transportation Authority 550 S. Main Street Orange, CA 92863

Please visit our website for video conference locations of the public hearings.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive public input and comments regarding the Draft 2008 RTIP, which may be used to facilitate changes where appropriate. SCAG encourages interested parties to submit written comments and/or written information prior to the public hearings. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00pm on July 7, 2008 and may be submitted electronically to gutierre@scag.ca.gov, or by U.S. mail at:

Attention: Pablo Gutierrez Southern California Association of Governments 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017